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1. HONDURAS ATTENDED THE 11-14 DECEMBER 1973 MEETING OF CLAC AT MEXICO CITY. THE HONDURAN DGCA SIGNED THE FINAL ACT FOR SUBJECT MEETING (COPIES OF FINAL AGREEMENT POUCHED TO DEPT. AND SCIBILIA OF CAB). HOWEVER, HONDURAS WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE BOGOTA FEB. 5, 1974 MEETING. NO INFO HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM LOCAL SOURCES CONCERNING WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE BOGOTA MEETING. A STATEMENT MADE BY THE HONDURAN DGCA DID SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE BOGOTA MEETING WAS CONCERNED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE CLAC MEETING TO BE HELD AT BUENOS AIRES PRIOR TO THE ICAO GENERAL ASSEMBLY LATER THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE HONDURAN DGCA, HONDURAS PLANS TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE CLAC MEETING AT BA.

2. THE CLAC MEETING AT BA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FOCUS SOME, IF NOT MAJOR, ATTENTION ON THE SUBJECT OF 5TH FREEDOM RIGHTS. AS A SEPARATE BUT RELATED DEVELOPMENT, GUATEMALA HAS MOVED ON PAN AM IN TAKING AWAY 5TH FREEDOM RIGHTS ON FLIGHTS IT
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OPERATES ON DAYS AVIATECA OPERATES BETWEEN MEXICO CITY AND

GUATEMALA CITY. THE GUATEMALAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS RECENTLY CLEARLY STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY INTENDED TO TAKE AWAY ALL 5TH FREEDOM RIGHTS FROM PAN AM ON ITS GUATEMALA CITY-MEXICO CITY OPERATION. PRESUMABLY THIS WILL BE WHEN AVIATECA ACQUIRES NEW AIRCRAFT. IT IS KNOWN THAT AVIATECA IS INTERESTED IN SELLING ITS SINGLE BAC 1-11/500 AIRCRAFT AND ACQUIRING TWO BOEING 727'S. GUATEMALA HAS ADDITIONALLY, AS ALREADY KNOWN, DENIED PAN AM EVEN THE RIGHT TO OPERATE BETWEEN GUATEMALA CITY AND SAN PEDRO SULA ON A BLIND SECTOR BASIS. THE GUATEMALAN MINISTER IN QUESTION ON THE TWO OCCASIONS REFERENCED STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY, HOWEVER, DID NOT INTEND TO DISTURB PAN AM 5TH FREEDOM RIGHTS SOUTH OF GUATEMALA. (GUATEMALA-HONDURAS AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND SOME ANTICEDENTS POUCHED. THESE CLARIFY SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY STEM FROM CLAC INITIATIVES.) SANCHEZ

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